PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Confirmation No: 2426

P. CUZZATO et al.

Art Unit: 1621

Application Number: 10/072,873

Examiner: J. VOLLANO

Filed: February 12, 2002

Attorney Dkt. No.: 108910-00052 ROM CFC 113 SION OF TIME

For:

A PROCESS TO OBTAIN CFC 113a FROM CFC 113

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 15, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for one month for the response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 13, 2003, from November 13, 2003 to December 15, 2003 (December 13th being a Saturday and December 14th being a Sunday).

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$440.00 to cover the extension Fee (\$110) and the Notice of Appeal Fee (\$330). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No 108910-00052.

Respectfully submitted,

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